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SUBJECT: MAJOR JALLUD TELLS ARAB AMBASSADORS OF SUPPORT
FOR BOTH ETHIOPIA AND ERITREANS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON FEB. 22, SUDANESE
EMBASSY DCM ABBAS MUTASIM SAID THAT MAJOR JALLUD HAD
MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN BRIEFING FOR ARAB AMBASSADORS IN
MOSCOW:

-- LIBYA WAS "WITH THE ERITREANS UP TO (I.E., INCLUDING)

INDEPENDENCE";

-- WITH REGARD TO THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE, HOWEVER,
LIBYA SUPPORTED ETHIOPIA AS A "REVOLUTIONARY STATE".

2. MUTASIM SAID ARAB AMBASSADORS WERE SURPRISED ON BOTH
COUNTS SINCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT LIBYA HAD
STOPPED SENDING ARMS TO ERITREANS AND THEY HAD ALSO
BELIEVED THAT LIBYA WOULD NOT SO OPENLY COME DOWN ON SIDE
OF NON-ARAB COUNTRY IN CONFLICT WITH FELLOW MEMBER OF
ARAB LEAGUE DESPITE PREVIOUS EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN SYMPATHY
WITH ETHIOPIAN CAUSE.

3. MUTASIM QUESTIONED VALIDITY OF IDEA THAT MILITARY
ASPECT OF SOVIET-LIBYAN RELATIONS HAD BEEN MUTED DURING
JALLUD VISIT (REFTEL). POINTING OUT THAT JALLUD HAD
PAID SEPARATE CALL ON MIN.DEF. MARSHALL USTINOV, HE SAID
HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT VERY WELL BE TRUTH TO PREVALENT
RUMOR IN MOSCOW OF LIBYAN AGREEMENT TO PAY FOR SOVIET
ARMS SHIPMENT TO SYRIA AS WELL AS TO RUMOR OF MEETING
IN MOSCOW BETWEEN ASAD AND JALLUD. MUTASIM ADMITTED,
HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS
FEELING OTHER THAN THE LANGUAGE IN JALLUD'S DEPARTURE
STATEMENT WHICH DESCRIBED THE BENEFITS TO "WHOLE ARAB
NATION" WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW.

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